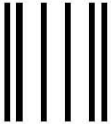
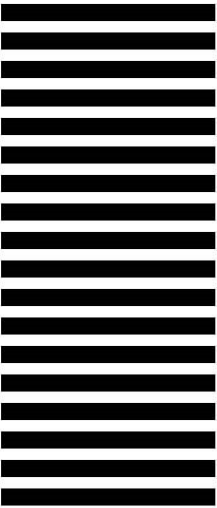




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MCDOT is conducting this feasibility study to document existing conditions and explore bikeway network and bicycle facility type alternatives along and around Cheltenham Drive. This segment, part of the Bethesda Bike Loop, will connect planned two-way separated bike lanes along Woodmont Avenue to the Pearl Street Signed Bike Route. Cheltenham Drive along with a few other study segments shown in red on the map are recommended for bicycle facilities in the county-wide Bicycle Master Plan. This study will explore range of network alternatives and corresponding context specific bikeway types to create a low-stress east-west bikeway connection.



**Cheltenham Drive - Wisconsin Avenue to Tilbury Street**



**Cheltenham Drive - Tilbury Street to Pearl Street**



**Study Segments in the context of Downtown Bethesda**



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### Project Schedule

MCDOT will complete the feasibility study by December 2021.

### Project Website

Before and after the public workshop, the meeting materials will be available on the project website at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/cheltenhamdr/index.html>

### Public Comments Submission

MCDOT encourages you to stay involved! You may forward comments to MCDOT by:

- The attached postage-paid Public Comments Form
- Regular mail to:  
**Patricia Shepherd, Project Manager, MCDOT DTE**  
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[Cheltenham Drive—Wisconsin Avenue to Pearl Street, Bethesda Bikeway Feasibility Study](#)

Visit the project webpage for the latest project news and meeting materials if you are unable to attend the public workshop:  
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**Cheltenham Drive  
Wisconsin Avenue to Pearl Street, Bethesda  
Bikeway Feasibility Study**

**VIRTUAL Public Workshop**  
**Thursday, September 30, 2021**  
**7:00PM – 9:00PM**

**PLEASE REGISTER BEFOREHAND TO ATTEND THE MEETING**

To register, view materials, and provide feedback, visit the Project Website:

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If you have any questions please email:  
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MCDOT always welcomes your feedback. We encourage you to provide input on the Postage Paid Public Comments Form included with this newsletter. You can also email your comments directly to the Project Manager at [patricia.shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:patricia.shepherd@montgomerycountymd.gov) or call at 240-777-7231.





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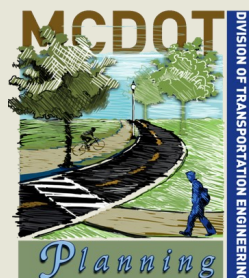
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## Cheltenham Drive - Wisconsin Avenue to Pearl Street, Bethesda Bikeway Feasibility Study Public Workshop September 30, 2021

### INTRODUCTION

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has been planning and implementing bicycle facility projects across the county over the last several years. MCDOT is advancing bikeway projects to implement the bicycle network recommended in the 2017 Bethesda Downtown Plan and the 2018 county-wide Bicycle Master Plan.

This project will conduct a planning and concept design feasibility study to finalize bikeway routes and identify bicycle facility types along and around Cheltenham Drive between Wisconsin Avenue (MD 355) and Pearl Street as part of the Bethesda Loop. The Bethesda Loop is a planned network of low-stress bicycle facilities in and near Downtown Bethesda. This planned network will create a low-stress bikeway loop, running along Woodmont Avenue, Montgomery Lane/Montgomery Avenue, Pearl Street, and Cheltenham Drive.

### NEWSLETTER PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to invite you to attend a public workshop to learn about the feasibility study, inform you of the existing conditions analysis, present design alternatives, and obtain your feedback.

**VIRTUAL Public Workshop**  
Thursday, 9/30/2021, 7:00-9:00PM

**Register at the Project Website:**  
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### PROJECT NEED

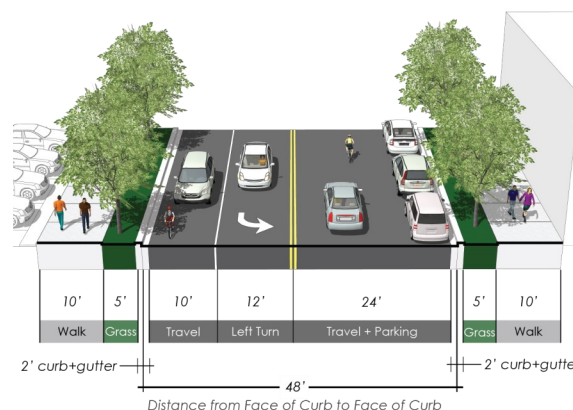
Several projects that form the Bethesda Loop, including the two-way separated bicycle lanes on Woodmont Avenue and Montgomery Lane/Montgomery Avenue, are in various stages of engineering design and implementation. However, exact route and bicycle facility types have not yet

been finalized for part of the loop along Cheltenham Drive, east of Wisconsin Avenue. This project will build on the previous planning efforts and advance bikeway projects to complete the Bethesda Loop. Apart from Cheltenham Drive, the study segments within the scope of this project include Chase Avenue, Harling Lane, Tilbury Street, and Sleaford Road (see map on back).

### PROJECT SCOPE AND PURPOSE

This feasibility study will focus on the following topics:

- Review bikeway route alignments and facility types proposed in the 2017 Bethesda Downtown Plan and the 2018 Montgomery County Bicycle Master Plan.
- Identify route alignment alternatives and bike facility type alternatives to complete the Bethesda Loop, east of Wisconsin Avenue.
- Develop a planning-level qualitative assessment for route and bike facility type alternatives.
- Engage major stakeholders and the community members to identify issues, opportunities and solicit feedback on alternatives.



Existing Typical Section: Cheltenham Drive  
Wisconsin Avenue to just West of Tilbury Street

## Cheltenham Drive - Wisconsin Avenue to Pearl Street, Bethesda Bikeway Feasibility Study

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS FORM

Public input is the key to the success of a transportation project, as it allows the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) to understand the concerns of the community. We encourage you to complete the form below. Due to the high volume of comments we receive, MCDOT regrets that individual responses may not be provided to all comments, but we assure you that all comments will be read and evaluated.

Please provide us with any comments and return by: **Thursday, October 14, 2021**

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